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Sri K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Do the figures given by the Hon. Minister include the cases of concentrated pavement-dwellers in the City? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" This refers only to slums."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" A wrong notion has gained currency. Is it not a fact that it is only slum improvement and not slum clearance? Is it not a fact that in Kodambakkam there are more than 10 slums and that not more than 2 slums are provided with protected water-supply? What arrangements have the Corporation made to provide the rest of the City with protected water-supply? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" It is only slum improvement and not slum clearance. That is the policy now."

Disciplinary action against teachers in Harijan schools in South Arcot district.

* 378 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many teachers working in the Harijan schools were punished in South Arcot district during the year 1952-53;

(*b*) how many hostel managers were fined for irregularities and the amount of fine collected; and

(*c*) how many teachers were suspended by the Welfare officers?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Nine teachers were punished.

" (*b*) None was fined.

" (*c*) One teacher was placed under suspension. The period of suspension was subsequently treated as on duty as he was acquitted of the offences for which he was kept under suspension."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" அந்த அதிகாரியைப்பற்றி எத்தனை உபாத்தியாயர்களிடமிருந்து, எத்தனை கண்டிராக்டர்களிடமிருந்து, தென்னாற்காடு மாவட்டத்தைச் சேர்ந்த எத்தனை சட்டசபை உறுப்பினர்களிடமிருந்து புகார்கள் வந்தன ? அதன் காரணமாக அந்த அதிகாரி மாற்றப்பட்டிருக்கிறாரா ? மாற்றப்பட்டிருந்தால் இந்த உத்தியோகத்தைவிட உயர்ந்த உத்தியோகத்திற்கு மாற்றப்பட்டிருக்கிறாரா ? அல்லது தாழ்ந்த உத்தியோகத்திற்கு மாற்றப்பட்டிருக்கிறாரா என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வாரா ? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I do not propose to answer such vague questions."

Cross-words puzzle competitions.

* 379 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have figures to show the number of cross-words puzzle competitions conducted in the State?